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THE LAST DAYS OF HANDEL.

In 1750 "Theodora," Handel's favorite oratorio, was first performed—and that to empty houses. Like most favorite children, it was also the worst. It was the most glaring failure the great composer ever made; but with accustomed obstinacy, he refused to acknowledge the fact. Instead of withdrawing the oratorio after the first few representations he continued it, but to woefully empty houses. A friend of his being present one evening when the house was very poorly filled, Handel said to him, at the close of the performance: "Will you be here next Friday night? I will play it to you." He was less good-natured another time, when, being informed that if he would repeat "Theodora," a person of note from the city would engage to fill all the boxes, he replied: "He is a fool: the Jews will not come to it as to Judas Maccabeus, because it is a Christian story; and the ladies will not come, because it is a virtuous one."

Handel had now been suffering for some time from gutta serena. In February, 1752, he produced "Jephtha," his last work. He had three times submitted it to an operation, but vainly. On January 27, 1753, it was announced that "Mr. Handel had at last unhappily quite lost his sight." During this year, at each performance of his oratorios, he played as usual a concerto upon the organ. "Samson," one of his favorite oratorios, was in the programme of the season. The grand old man was seated at the organ. Spite of his usual firmness, he could not listen unmoved to the pathetic air and words of the sightless Hebrew Hercules, giving utterance to a grief so nearly his own. Milton's own words had been adapted to the music:

"Total eclipse! no sun, no moon!
All dark amid the blaze of noon!
No glorious light, no cheering ray!
To glad my eyes with welcome day?
Why thus deprived thy prime decree?
Sun, moon and stars are dark to me."

The eyes of the audience were upon him. They saw him grow pale and tremble—he who had faced the popular displeasure so often; and when the assistants led him forward to the front of the stage, the assembly rose in respect to his misfortune, and many eyes were filled with tears.

Handel died on the 13th of April, 1759, at the ripe age of seventy-four years. In person he was stout, massive, possessed of a powerful constitution, great muscular vigor, and a countenance indicative of great wit and intelligence. His repartee was quick, and generally stinging. Once he quarreled with an English singer, named Gordon, who reproached him with accompanying him badly. Said Gordon, "If you persist in accompanying me in that manner, I will jump upon your harpsichord and smash it to pieces." "Oh," replied Handel, "let me know when you will do that and I will advertise it, for I am sure more people will come to see you jump than to hear you sing."

Independence was Handel's most prominent quality. In an age when musicians were ranked with valets and cooks, he made himself respected by even his enemies, and was treated as the equal of those great men whom his genius delighted. Withal he was cool amid discouraging circumstances. When some one was expressing to him his regret at seeing the house so empty, he replied: "Nevre mind, de music will sound de better."

His hasty temper sometimes led him into ludicrous extremes. One of the female singers once declined to sing the part given her. Handel flew at the rebel, saying: "I always knew you were a very demure; but I shall now let you know that I am a Beechbeeb, the prince of demure; then seizing her he ran to the window, and swore that if she did not sing the air he would immediately throw her into the street. She was subdued, and sang without further objection.

It was well known that he could not bear to hear the tuning of instruments—for which reason she was always done before his arrival at the theatre. A musical waltz stole into the orchestra one night, when the Prince of Wales was to be present, and untuned all the instruments. As soon as the prince arrived Handel gave the signal to begin, on spirit. The horrible din and discord may be imagined. The enraged maestro started up, overturned a double bass in his way, seized a kettle-drum, and threw it at the leader with such violence that he lost his full-bottomed wig in the effort. Then advancing bare-headed to the orchestra, he stood there, literally speechless with rage, staring and stamping, till the prince came and led him away.

In composition he was exceedingly rapid, and always greatly affected himself at what he wrote. When his servant used to bring him up his chocolate in the morning, he often stood in silent astonishment to see his master's tears, mixing with the luk with his feelings when he wrote. When asked what was his feelings when composing the Hallelujah Chorus, Handel said, "I did think I see heaven before me and de great God himself." A friend calling upon him when in the act of setting to music the pathetic words, "He was despised and rejected of men," found him actually sobbing.

In his habits he was simple. To visit exhibitions of paintings seems to have been his favorite amusement. He was never married. Once in Germany, before he achieved greatness, he was ready to be married but was disgusted by a remark of his intended mother-in-law, that she "would never consent to see her child married to a fiddler." He broke off the match. Like most men of genius he worked incessantly. He had a Ruckers harpsichord, every key of which from constant use, was hollowed like the bowl of a spoon.

Such was the most illustrious composer the world has known. It was not fully appreciated by his own age, it must have been a source of satisfaction to him to recollect that his music had a part in every leading event of the century in which he worked. His compositions were required to be celebrated successively the birthday of Queen Anne, the marriage of the Prince of Wales (afterward George II), and that of the Princess Royal; the coronation of George II; the burial of Queen Caroline; the peace of Utrecht and that of Aix la Chapelle, and the victories of Dettingen and Culloden. And leaving out of consideration the thousands who are delighted each year with his various compositions, there is no great public funeral at which his "Dead March in Saul" is not used.

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